

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, November 19, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, Present and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Linder opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, James Perkins, Paul Gabel-Grant County News and Chris Carle-St. Elizabeth Medical Center-Grant County.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the November 05, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of November, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. He did state that the November Election Claims were included in the General Fund.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0509 thru 01-0682 in the amount of \$61,451.05 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-295 thru 02-307 in the amount of \$59,305.22 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-0206 thru 03-0232 in the amount of \$43,808.61 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-000025 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of November, 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Building Inspector's Report for October. It is as follows: No action is required.

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Judge Link presented the Bids received for the Sale of an 8.99 Acre Tract of land and Improvements the County owns on the Corner of Barnes Road and Kimberly Drive commonly known as the St. Elizabeth Hospital-Grant County. Only one bid was received. It is as follows: (1) St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. for the amount of \$1,500,000.00. A Cashiers Check for \$75,000.00 was attached to the bid representing 5% of the bid price. Mr. Chris Carle was present on behalf of the Hospital. Judge Link read the bid. County Attorney Ed Lorenz reviewed the bid and reminded Mr. Carle that in the Notice there was a Statement, a precautionary statement, about anticipated taking by the State Highway Department certain frontage there and had allowed that that would not affect the price now or later depending on when, and he assumed that was in the Notice and you accept that as part of the understanding. Mr. Carle said that they were aware of that and understood that. Mr. Lorenz said he might clear that up with their Attorneys in some sort of other document but that was part of the Notice and it did not need to be in their bid but he wanted to clear it up. Mr. Carle said it is understood. The Court members then reviewed the Bid and said it was okay.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to accept the bid of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. for the Sale of the 8.99 Acre tract of land and Improvements located on the Corner of Barnes Road and Kimberly Drive commonly known as the St. Elizabeth Hospital-Grant County, for the amount of \$1,500,000.00, in accordance with bid as presented.

The following bids were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Bids received for the Sale of a 30.33 acre tract of land the

county owns located behind Summit Medical, Grant Manor and St. Elizabeth Hospital except for about 218 feet of road frontage to the east of the hospital. Only one bid was presented. It is as follows: (1) St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. for the amount of \$240,000.00. A Cashiers Check for \$12,000.00 was attached representing 5% of the bid price. Chris Carle was present representing the Hospital. Judge Link read the bid. County Attorney Ed Lorenz reviewed the bid and said it was satisfactory. The Court members reviewed the bid and said it was satisfactory. Judge Link reported that the minimum bid for this property was to be \$180,000.00 and it exceeds that amount and he is very pleased to inform the Court of that fact.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to accept the bid of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. for the 30.33 acre tract of land located behind Summit Medical, Grant Manor and St. Elizabeth Hospital except for about 218 feet of road frontage to the east of the hospital, for the amount of \$240,000.00, in accordance with bid as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

County Attorney Ed Lorenz said he has the Deed on the Hospital ready and will send it to get the appropriate names inserted and will submit it to Patrick tomorrow. The other one he is waiting on a corrected description by email on the 30.33 acres, so it might be a day or so on that deed. Mr. Carle thanked him. Judge Link told him he certainly was welcome and said they appreciate his patience as they have worked thru this this evening. He said that he knew Mr. Carle didn't come to make any comments and he was not going to make him sit thru the remaining portion of this meeting and said he was welcome to stay or leave. We will leave it to your pleasure and if you want to make any comments you may. Mr. Carle said they were very excited about this as he mentioned in the documentation they provided, they have really had the opportunity to take this facility and grow it into something special. They are excited about the opportunity to continue

that growth. He added they are adding an Oncology Clinic. They have added a Wound Care Clinic. They have MRI's there two days a week and would like to have a fixed site MRI. They are continuing to expand their primary care base in the Southern Medical Group. They hope to have increased offerings in Gastro neurology. So this is just the beginning of what they continue to grow in that little section as far as medical is concerned. They are also working with an outside company to offer Dialysis to the residents of the community. That is something that has been needed here and they have been working on for approximately 15 years. They now have the manpower that can come down and kidney and hypertension that can add that service to our already comprehensive program. This again gives them the opportunity now that we own the facility to continue growth because they do have a 5 and 10 year Master Plan to increase their inpatient beds as well as to continue increasing their out patient offerings. In the emergency room already you are seeing 17,000 patients a year. When he first came here 20 years ago they were seeing 2,500, so that just shows the potential growth that is there and they want to continue to build on that, so thank you for the opportunity. Judge Link said we appreciate his administration of that facility and we appreciate the investment that St. Elizabeth has made over the years. We all come to recognize, and when he says we, he means both St. Elizabeth and the Fiscal Court, recognize that for you all to continue to grow those facilities and to grow the services for the people of Grant County we needed to remove the road block that was removed this evening and that was to make the land yours so that you all would make those investments and provide those much needed services for the people of Grant County. We played a very small part in that facilitation, but he thinks history will be very kind to us on the transaction that just took place. Mr. Carle said it has been a great partnership for everybody, and thank you once again.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 10-2007-610 Setting Forth

Practices Which Constitute a Nuisance; Providing for the Notice of Abatement of said Nuisance and Providing a Penalty for Violation; and Implementation of Procedures to Remove the Nuisance. It is as follows: He also presented a Notice that will run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. It is as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-2007-610 Setting Forth Practices which Constitute a Nuisance; Providing for the Notice of Abatement of said Nuisance and Providing a Penalty for Violation, and Implementation of Procedures to Remove the Nuisance, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Re-Appointment of Tena Webster to serve another 3 Year term as a member of the Grant County District Extension Board, said term to begin on January 01, 2008, and to expire on December 31, 2010. It is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the Re-Appointment of Tena Webster to serve another 3 year term as a member of the Grant County District Extension Board as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of April Gatlin to serve a 3 Year tem as a member of the Grant County District Extension Board, said term to begin on January 01, 2008, and to expire on December 31, 2010. It is as follows:

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of April Gatlin to serve a 3 Year term as a member of the Grant County

District Extension Board as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Orrin Messinger to serve a 4 year term as a member of the Grant County Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to be effective November 19, 2007, and to expire on November 18, 2011. It is as follows:

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Orrin Messinger to serve a 4 Year term as a member of the Grant County Planning and Zoning Commission as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link requested a Motion to Void Check No. 10064 paid out of the Road Fund dated 09-18-07 in the amount of \$225.00 to Jack's Glass, Inc., due to said claim being previously paid.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to Void Check No. 10064 in the Road Fund dated 09-18-07 in the amount of \$225.00 paid to Jack's Glass as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for October 2007. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the 'Good of the County'. He stated that anyone could address the Court at this time. No one did. Magistrate Linder wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe holiday and said that we have a lot to be thankful for. Judge

Link said that we all have an abundance to be thankful for and we would ask that everybody spend this time reflecting on those blessings and spend time with family.

Magistrate Young also stated that we need to remember those who have lost loved ones this year. It is going to be a tough time this year for the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Holiday. Judge Link said “Absolutely, the first holiday without them is always difficult”. Magistrate Austin gave an update on the Santa’s Wonderland Event in Williamstown that is scheduled for Saturday, December 01st. He said a lot of preparation is being made for that. Some 20 floats are involved in it. All the kids are invited to have Breakfast with Santa at no cost he assumes. Judge Link said he is not aware of the significant details but he is sure we would not allow any child to leave hungry. Magistrate Austin said it would be at the Williamstown School and starts about 8:00 on December 01st. Hopefully the weather will be good and it will filter on downtown Williamstown for a day of activities. It will be all morning and early afternoon. Judge Link said it should be a special time for the kids and young families and we encourage you to come. There will be a Parade with all those floats and he understands they are also going to dress up some of the windows. We will have live scenes and some will probably reflect “The Nativity”. Among other things it will all be family oriented. Dennis Stanley will be putting up his trains for the kids to see. A lot of effort is being put into this and it should be good and be well received and the real Santa Claus will be here. Magistrate Austin asked if anyone knew how the Shakespeare in the Park event was on Saturday night. Judge Link said that he didn’t know. Magistrate Austin asked Judge Link who all was involved in sponsoring the December 01st event. Judge Link said this event is sponsored by the Grant County Chamber of Commerce and the Grant County Parks and Recreation. Tina Ellis with the Chamber assists with these events and is a wonderful partner in assisting us. Tabatha Fryman works here and Jill Marksberry-Community Advocate with the schools, works equally as hard to bring this

about, and also the Community Enrichment of the Arts as well as a lot of businesses here in town that open up their store fronts are involved as well as many churches are working on floats to be in the Parade. Magistrate Austin also said that the Williamstown Baptist Church Sunday School class will be serving Thanksgiving meals Thursday for anyone who needs a warm meal or knows someone who needs a meal. He said to call the Church and give the name, address and phone number of anyone who needs a meal. He also said that the Salvation Army Kettle Drive will begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Wal Mart and will run each Friday and Saturday until Christmas. They need some volunteers if anyone would like to volunteer and participate in that. It is a worthwhile cause. He said hopefully with all the effort that the Williamstown Christian Church has put in to start the Food Drive for the Helping Hands they got more food than they can keep over there right now, but it won't take long for that to be taken and replenished, but hopefully if anybody needs something to eat they shouldn't hesitate to call because there are Agencies out there who are willing to help, and if you can make contact with someone you can have a good Holiday. Judge Link updated on this and said there was an overwhelming response by the Community who gave for the Food Drive and said that he was not surprised because Grant County people always come together and responds and assists those that are less fortunate. The Food Drive went tremendously well and they will be delivering that to Helping hands at 8:00 on Wednesday morning and there should be sufficient canned goods and other non-perishable items that will be made available throughout the Holidays, that meaning Thanksgiving all the way into the Christmas season and beyond. Magistrate Austin asked if they would be open on Wednesday and said they are usually only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and asked if they were going to change their hours on Wednesday. Judge Link did not know. He would have to check with Helping Hands to see if there are sufficient volunteers to staff. He said that is the problem and said if anyone wants to give some of their time, he would highly recommend they contact Carolyn Switzer over at Helping Hands and volunteer your time to assist in

the giveaway of the food. He said that is the only thing that prevents them from being open more, is volunteers.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, November 26, 2007, at 5:30 P.M, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, December 03, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. He also updated that there will be a Caucus meeting on December 10th and then the Regular Meeting will be on December 17th and then due to the holidays there will not be any more meetings until the new year. This will give everyone time to spend with their families and enjoy the holidays.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, December 03, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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